



FIRST

COMMITMENT

CHARACTERISTICS

CALENDAR YEAR
2001

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MISSION AND VALUES

THE MISSION OF THE YOUTH AUTHORITY is to protect the public from criminal activity by providing education, training, and treatment services for youthful offenders committed by the courts; directing these offenders to participate in community and victim restoration; assisting local justice agencies with their efforts to control crime and delinquency; and encouraging the development of state and local programs to prevent crime and delinquency.

In order to enhance our ability to accomplish our mission, we have a shared set of values. **WE VALUE:**

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- **The Worth of the Individual**
We treat all people with dignity, respect, and consideration.
- **People's Ability to Grow and Change**
We believe people have the ability to grow and change, and we provide the opportunity for them to do so.
- **Staff as our Greatest Resource**
We encourage staff to develop personally and professionally and to participate in decision making.
- **Ethical and Moral Behavior**
We demonstrate behavior which is fair, honest, and ethical both on and off the job.
- **Citizen Participation**
We invite public involvement, support, and assistance to plan, deliver, and evaluate programs.
- **Excellence**
Our performance demonstrates a commitment to and recognition of quality, dedication, and innovation.
- **A Safe and Healthy Environment**
We believe that physical and mental health are important, and our commitment is to provide a safe and secure work and living environment.

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INTRODUCTION

The characteristics presented in the following tables include such commitment statistics as court of commitment, primary commitment offense, and average age at the time of commitment, as well as offender profile information such as ethnicity and prior delinquent behavior. Significant statistics are highlighted on the next page.

CYA cases are offenders who have been committed directly to the Youth Authority. CDC cases are offenders from criminal court who have been committed to the Department of Corrections but who are ordered by the court to be housed in Youth Authority facilities pursuant to Section 1731.5(c) of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

The primary commitment offense categories used in this report consists of the following:

<u>Violent Offenses:</u>	Homicide, robbery, all types of assaults, forcible rape, and kidnapping.
<u>Property Offenses:</u>	Burglary, theft (including auto), forgery and check offenses, and arson.
<u>Narcotic and Drug Offenses:</u>	All offenses related to narcotics and dangerous drugs.
<u>Other Offenses:</u>	All offenses not specified above.

Information for this report is gathered from Referral Documents and Reception Center-Clinic Summaries.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2001, there were 1,592 first commitments to the Youth Authority, of which 1,518 (95%) were direct commitments (CYA cases) and 87 (5%) were offenders who were committed to prison, but who were ordered to serve at least part of their sentence at the Youth Authority (CDC cases).
- Of the 1,592 first commitments, 95 percent were from Juvenile Court and 5 percent were from Criminal Court. Of the 1,518 CYA cases, 99 percent were from Juvenile Court and 1 percent were from Criminal Court.
- By area, 58 percent of commitments came from Southern California, with 42 percent from Northern California.
- Forty-eight percent of the offenders were committed primarily for a violent offense, 33 percent for a property offense, 5 percent for a drug offense, and 13 percent for another offense.
- The average age of the first commitments at the time of admission was 17.2 years.
- Fifty-one percent of all 2001 first commitments were Hispanic, 25 percent were African American, 19 percent were White, 3 percent were Asian, and 2 percent were Other.
- Seventeen percent of the first commitments had no prior conviction or sustained petition.

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY - 2001
BY SEX AND COURT OF COMMITMENT - INCLUDES CDC CASES

CHARACTERISTICS	***** MALES *****										FEMALES							
	TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL		JUVENILE		CRIMINAL		JUVENILE &		TOTAL		CRIMINAL		CRIMINAL	
	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT
TOTAL FIRST ADMISSIONS	1592		1518		1431		1420		11		87		74		70		4	
COURT OF COMMITMENT	1592	100.0	1518	100.0	1431	100.0	1420	100.0	11	100.0	87	100.0	74	100.0	70	100.0	4	100.0
JUVENILE	1506	94.6	1506	99.2	1420	99.2	1420	100.0	0	0.0	86	98.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
CRIMINAL	86	5.4	12	0.8	11	0.8	0	0.0	11	100.0	1	1.1	74	100.0	70	100.0	4	100.0
COUNTY OF COMMITMENT	1592	100.0	1518	100.0	1431	100.0	1420	100.0	11	100.0	87	100.0	74	100.0	70	100.0	4	100.0
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA	241	15.1	240	15.8	221	15.4	219	15.4	2	18.2	19	21.8	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
ALAMEDA	51	3.2	51	3.4	49	3.4	49	3.5	0	0.0	2	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
CONTRA COSTA	40	2.5	39	2.6	33	2.3	32	2.3	1	9.1	6	6.9	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
MONTEREY	29	1.8	29	1.9	26	1.8	26	1.8	0	0.0	3	3.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SAN FRANCISCO	19	1.2	19	1.3	17	1.2	17	1.2	0	0.0	2	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SAN MATEO	16	1.0	16	1.1	15	1.0	15	1.1	0	0.0	1	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SANTA CLARA	43	2.7	43	2.8	42	2.9	41	2.9	1	9.1	1	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
10 OTHER COUNTIES	43	2.7	43	2.8	39	2.7	39	2.7	0	0.0	4	4.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	421	26.4	394	26.0	365	25.5	361	25.4	4	36.4	29	33.3	27	36.5	25	35.7	2	50.0
BUTTE	8	0.5	8	0.5	8	0.6	8	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FRESNO	82	5.2	74	4.9	66	4.6	66	4.6	0	0.0	8	9.2	8	10.8	8	11.4	0	0.0
KERN	25	1.6	20	1.3	18	1.3	17	1.2	1	9.1	2	2.3	5	6.8	5	7.1	0	0.0
MADERA	16	1.0	15	1.0	13	0.9	13	0.9	0	0.0	2	2.3	1	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
SACRAMENTO	52	3.3	45	3.0	39	2.7	38	2.7	1	9.1	6	6.9	7	9.5	5	7.1	2	50.0
SAN JOAQUIN	35	2.2	34	2.2	33	2.3	32	2.3	1	9.1	1	1.1	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
STANISLAUS	21	1.3	21	1.4	19	1.3	19	1.3	0	0.0	2	2.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TULARE	36	2.3	35	2.3	34	2.4	34	2.4	0	0.0	1	1.1	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
25 OTHER COUNTIES	147	9.2	142	9.4	135	9.4	134	9.4	1	9.1	7	8.0	5	6.8	5	7.1	0	0.0
LOS ANGELES	425	26.7	405	26.7	393	27.5	392	27.6	1	9.1	12	13.8	20	27.0	18	25.7	2	50.0
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	505	31.7	479	31.6	452	31.6	448	31.5	4	36.4	27	31.0	26	35.1	26	37.1	0	0.0
ORANGE	71	4.5	67	4.4	64	4.5	63	4.4	1	9.1	3	3.4	4	5.4	4	5.7	0	0.0
RIVERSIDE	79	5.0	68	4.5	64	4.5	64	4.5	0	0.0	4	4.6	11	14.9	11	15.7	0	0.0
SAN BERNARDINO	244	15.3	239	15.7	226	15.8	225	15.8	1	9.1	13	14.9	5	6.8	5	7.1	0	0.0
SAN DIEGO	68	4.3	64	4.2	61	4.3	59	4.2	2	18.2	3	3.4	4	5.4	4	5.7	0	0.0
SANTA BARBARA	7	0.4	6	0.4	6	0.4	6	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
VENTURA	31	1.9	31	2.0	27	1.9	27	1.9	0	0.0	4	4.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2 OTHER COUNTIES	5	0.3	4	0.3	4	0.3	4	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0

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	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT
PRIMARY COMMITMENT																		
OFFENSE	1592	100.0	1518	100.0	1431	100.0	1420	100.0	11	100.0	87	100.0	74	100.0	70	100.0	4	100.0
VIOLENT OFFENSES	770	48.4	704	46.4	665	46.5	654	46.1	11	100.0	39	44.8	66	89.2	62	88.6	4	100.0
PROPERTY OFFENSES	530	33.3	529	34.8	494	34.5	494	34.8	0	0.0	35	40.2	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
NARCOTIC/DRUG OFFENSES	84	5.3	84	5.5	77	5.4	77	5.4	0	0.0	7	8.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER OFFENSES	208	13.1	201	13.2	195	13.6	195	13.7	0	0.0	6	6.9	7	9.5	7	10.0	0	0.0
ETHNIC GROUP	1592	100.0	1518	100.0	1431	100.0	1420	100.0	11	100.0	87	100.0	74	100.0	70	100.0	4	100.0
WHITE	300	18.8	295	19.4	264	18.4	264	18.6	0	0.0	31	35.6	5	6.8	5	7.1	0	0.0
HISPANIC	810	50.9	769	50.7	741	51.8	735	51.8	6	54.5	28	32.2	41	55.4	40	57.1	1	25.0
AFRICAN AMERICAN	404	25.4	382	25.2	358	25.0	355	25.0	3	27.3	24	27.6	22	29.7	19	27.1	3	75.0
ASIAN	53	3.3	48	3.2	46	3.2	44	3.1	2	18.2	2	2.3	5	6.8	5	7.1	0	0.0
OTHER	25	1.6	24	1.6	22	1.5	22	1.5	0	0.0	2	2.3	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
AVERAGE AGE AT ADMISSION	17.2		17.2		17.2		17.2		17.0		16.7		16.9		16.9		17.2	
OFFENDER'S MARITAL STATUS	1335	100.0	1273	100.0	1199	100.0	1190	100.0	9	100.0	74	100.0	62	100.0	60	100.0	2	100.0
NEVER MARRIED	1328	99.5	1266	99.5	1192	99.4	1183	99.4	9	100.0	74	100.0	62	100.0	60	100.0	2	100.0
PRESENTLY MARRIED	5	0.4	5	0.4	5	0.4	5	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
NO LONGER MARRIED	2	0.1	2	0.2	2	0.2	2	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OFFENDER'S CHILDREN*	1388	100.0	1325	100.0	1247	100.0	1237	100.0	10	100.0	78	100.0	63	100.0	61	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	1211	87.2	1155	87.2	1096	87.9	1087	87.9	9	90.0	59	75.6	56	88.9	54	88.5	2	100.0
ONE	159	11.5	152	11.5	133	10.7	132	10.7	1	10.0	19	24.4	7	11.1	7	11.5	0	0.0
TWO OR MORE	18	1.3	18	1.4	18	1.4	18	1.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OFFENDER'S SIBLINGS	1366	100.0	1309	100.0	1231	100.0	1221	100.0	10	100.0	78	100.0	57	100.0	55	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	43	3.1	38	2.9	33	2.7	33	2.7	0	0.0	5	6.4	5	8.8	5	9.1	0	0.0
ONE	161	11.8	155	11.8	141	11.5	141	11.5	0	0.0	14	17.9	6	10.5	6	10.9	0	0.0
TWO	279	20.4	271	20.7	258	21.0	256	21.0	2	20.0	13	16.7	8	14.0	8	14.5	0	0.0
THREE	288	21.1	275	21.0	257	20.9	256	21.0	1	10.0	18	23.1	13	22.8	13	23.6	0	0.0
FOUR OR MORE	595	43.6	570	43.5	542	44.0	535	43.8	7	70.0	28	35.9	25	43.9	23	41.8	2	100.0
PARENT'S MARITAL STATUS	1373	100.0	1312	100.0	1236	100.0	1226	100.0	10	100.0	76	100.0	61	100.0	59	100.0	2	100.0
NEVER MARRIED	427	31.1	408	31.1	370	29.9	366	29.9	4	40.0	38	50.0	19	31.1	17	28.8	2	100.0
PRESENTLY MARRIED	276	20.1	257	19.6	248	20.1	247	20.1	1	10.0	9	11.8	19	31.1	19	32.2	0	0.0
NO LONGER MARRIED	670	48.8	647	49.3	618	50.0	613	50.0	5	50.0	29	38.2	23	37.7	23	39.0	0	0.0

*A significant percentage of this information is self-reported and has not been independently verified.

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	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT
RELIGION	1293	100.0	1236	100.0	1172	100.0	1163	100.0	9	100.0	64	100.0	57	100.0	55	100.0	2	100.0
CATHOLIC	487	37.7	467	37.8	453	38.7	449	38.6	4	44.4	14	21.9	20	35.1	20	36.4	0	0.0
PROTESTANT	481	37.2	462	37.4	416	35.5	412	35.4	4	44.4	46	71.9	19	33.3	17	30.9	2	100.0
NONE	202	15.6	189	15.3	186	15.9	185	15.9	1	11.1	3	4.7	13	22.8	13	23.6	0	0.0
OTHER	123	9.5	118	9.5	117	10.0	117	10.1	0	0.0	1	1.6	5	8.8	5	9.1	0	0.0
DISABILITIES	1401	100.0	1338	100.0	1260	100.0	1250	100.0	10	100.0	78	100.0	63	100.0	61	100.0	2	100.0
NONE OR UNKNOWN	1287	91.9	1229	91.9	1154	91.6	1144	91.5	10	100.0	75	96.2	58	92.1	56	91.8	2	100.0
HANDICAP PRESENT	114	8.1	109	8.1	106	8.4	106	8.5	0	0.0	3	3.8	5	7.9	5	8.2	0	0.0
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	1591	100.0	1517	100.0	1430	100.0	1420	100.0	10	100.0	87	100.0	74	100.0	70	100.0	4	100.0
NO	1306	82.1	1248	82.3	1165	81.5	1159	81.6	6	60.0	83	95.4	58	78.4	54	77.1	4	100.0
YES	285	17.9	269	17.7	265	18.5	261	18.4	4	40.0	4	4.6	16	21.6	16	22.9	0	0.0
CO-OFFENDERS	1401	100.0	1338	100.0	1260	100.0	1250	100.0	10	100.0	78	100.0	63	100.0	61	100.0	2	100.0
NONE OR UNKNOWN	767	54.7	752	56.2	696	55.2	695	55.6	1	10.0	56	71.8	15	23.8	14	23.0	1	50.0
ONE OR TWO	502	35.8	463	34.6	446	35.4	439	35.1	7	70.0	17	21.8	39	61.9	38	62.3	1	50.0
THREE OR MORE	132	9.4	123	9.2	118	9.4	116	9.3	2	20.0	5	6.4	9	14.3	9	14.8	0	0.0
PRIOR CONVICTIONS OR SUSTAINED PETITIONS	1379	100.0	1316	100.0	1238	100.0	1228	100.0	10	100.0	78	100.0	63	100.0	61	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	235	17.0	208	15.8	191	15.4	185	15.1	6	60.0	17	21.8	27	42.9	25	41.0	2	100.0
ONE	217	15.7	201	15.3	182	14.7	182	14.8	0	0.0	19	24.4	16	25.4	16	26.2	0	0.0
TWO	236	17.1	231	17.6	215	17.4	213	17.3	2	20.0	16	20.5	5	7.9	5	8.2	0	0.0
THREE	225	16.3	217	16.5	201	16.2	200	16.3	1	10.0	16	20.5	8	12.7	8	13.1	0	0.0
FOUR	166	12.0	160	12.2	157	12.7	157	12.8	0	0.0	3	3.8	6	9.5	6	9.8	0	0.0
FIVE OR MORE	300	21.8	299	22.7	292	23.6	291	23.7	1	10.0	7	9.0	1	1.6	1	1.6	0	0.0
PRIOR COMMITMENTS	1392	100.0	1329	100.0	1251	100.0	1241	100.0	10	100.0	78	100.0	63	100.0	61	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	522	37.5	478	36.0	400	32.0	392	31.6	8	80.0	78	100.0	44	69.8	42	68.9	2	100.0
ONE	341	24.5	327	24.6	327	26.1	326	26.3	1	10.0	0	0.0	14	22.2	14	23.0	0	0.0
TWO	284	20.4	280	21.1	280	22.4	279	22.5	1	10.0	0	0.0	4	6.3	4	6.6	0	0.0
THREE OR MORE	245	17.6	244	18.4	244	19.5	244	19.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.6	1	1.6	0	0.0
PRIOR ESCAPES	1401	100.0	1338	100.0	1260	100.0	1250	100.0	10	100.0	78	100.0	63	100.0	61	100.0	2	100.0
NONE OR UNKNOWN	1097	78.3	1037	77.5	959	76.1	950	76.0	9	90.0	78	100.0	60	95.2	58	95.1	2	100.0
ONE OR MORE	304	21.7	301	22.5	301	23.9	300	24.0	1	10.0	0	0.0	3	4.8	3	4.9	0	0.0